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**Applicant:** Tatsuya Ishizuka

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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

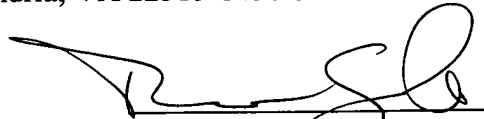
In response to the Official Action dated November 23, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

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